

LEEC NEWSLETTER

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ENVIRONMENTAL EDUCATION COMMUNITY JOINS FORCES TO SUPPLY TEACHING MATERIALS

The Louisiana Environmental Education Commission joined a score of other state and federal agencies, organizations and individuals to provide environmental education classroom materials to teachers affected by the August 2016 flood.

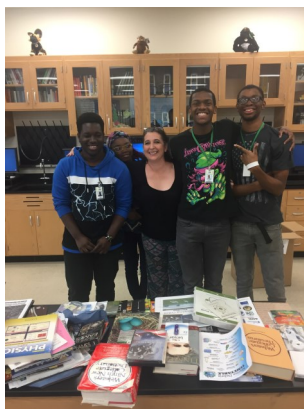
From Opelousas to Dutchtown, Baton Rouge and beyond, teachers lost years worth of lessons, supplies and teaching aids when their homes and schools flooded this summer. The greater environmental education community saw a need and joined together to start replacing some of those valuable resources with the Environmental Education Care Package Program.

The general call for materials has ended, but if you or a teacher you know has any specific requests for resources lost in the flood, please contact Thomas Gresham at tgresham@wlf.la.gov. We'll share your request with our partners and endeavor to replace what was lost.

See a list of care package partners at <http://www.wlf.louisiana.gov/care-package>.



Above: Preparing care packages.



Right: Baton Rouge High teacher Laurie Font and students.



Left: LEEC's Venise Ortego (left) Glen Oaks Park teachers and principal Bernard Williams. Below: Runnels's Stacey Smith with LEEC's Brian Gautreau.



SATURDAY IS THE 23RD NATIONAL PUBLIC LANDS DAY

From white sand seashores and rugged mountains to ancient cliff dwellings and forests of towering trees, America's public lands give us so much. Now it's your chance to give America's public lands something in return.

On Saturday, September 24, join volunteers of all ages by lending a helping hand to spruce up public lands. National Public Lands Day -- held the last Saturday in September and now in its 23rd year -- is the nation's largest, single-day volunteer effort for public lands.

[Find opportunities near you.](#)



Lake Clark National Park & Preserve in Alaska

CONTINUING EDUCATION

NOAA RIVERS TO REEFS WEBINAR

NOAA's National Marine Sanctuaries will host Rivers to Reefs: Understanding the Vital Connections Between Rivers and the Ocean on October 11, 2016.

Using the Altamaha River watershed as an example, this webinar will focus on human impacts on watersheds and how they influence ocean habitats. The Altamaha River flows through a flood plain up to five miles wide, and includes some of the last remaining cypress swamps in the American South.

Find out more and register at <http://sanctuaries.noaa.gov/education/teachers/webinar-series.html>

BECOME A TEACHER AT SEA!

NOAA's Teacher at Sea Program will begin accepting applications for 2017 starting in November. Applications and references are accepted only through NOAA's online application system from November 1 - 30, 2016. The application window will close at 5:00 pm ET on November 30.

View NOAA's [frequently asked questions](#) or download a [preview of the application](#) to begin preparing your references and responses.

KEEP AMERICA BEAUTIFUL RECYCLING WEBINAR

With nearly 20% of US households living in apartments and similar arrangements, multi-family dwellings present both an opportunity and unique challenge for local recycling planners looking to improve diversion rates. On this webinar we'll learn some of best practices to address these challenges (e.g. logistical and other space related issues, high turnover occupancy), and hear directly from communities that are finding successful solutions.

[Register here.](#)

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CHECK OUT THIS INTERESTING ARTICLE ABOUT THE INTERSECTION OF SCIENCE AND THE HUMANITIES

Environmental education is a perfect subject for cross-curriculum pedagogy. Sure, it involves biology and chemistry, analytics and statistics, but if we are doing it right, we can inspire our students to express their attitudes and experiences with nature in a creative way.

Cleary Vaughan-Lee, Education Director at the Global Oneness Project, has published [an article at the Green Schools National Network](#) that speaks to her experiences blending science and the arts.



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